

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A communications system includes a number of network devices that are coupled to a data network. Each of the network devices are associated with corresponding asset identifiers. A network server stores an asset tracking table that stores asset identifiers of network devices and associated information identifying users of the network devices. A node can send a request to the network server for user identifying information based on an asset identifier to enable the identification of the user that is currently assigned the network device.